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Mission #278 - Target - Degendorf Oil Storage.

20 April 1945

Box I Flt. A - DMI - SUDB; All bombs within 1000 ft of DMI with center of bursts on DMI. Hit on bldgs, RR sidings. Impulse bombing.

Flt B - DMI - SUDB; All bombs within 1000 ft of DMI with center of bursts 400 ft S. Bombs hit in tight pattern on bldgs, RR sidings starting fires and causing severe damage.

Flt C - DMI - SUDB; All bombs within 1000 ft of DMI with center of bursts 110 ft S. 4-bombs fell across storage bldgs and RR sidings. Used impulse bombing.

Box II (VISUAL) Flt A - DMI - SUDB; All bombs within 1000 ft of DMI with center of bursts 210 ft S. Bombs fell in good pattern on RR siding and storage bldgs starting fires and causing severe damage.

Flt B - VAC; Due to smoke obscuring DMI a no-burster estimated and released. Bombs fell 400 ft W in good pattern, on bldgs, sidings and on other side of river cutting tracks. Used impulse bombing.

Flt C - DMI - SUDB; Due to smoke over target area no bomb bursts are visible. Used impulse bombing.

Box III (VISUAL) Flt A - VAC; Because of dense smoke Bombarrier was unable to see DMI. He estimated and released. Bombs fell 1000 ft NS on bldgs and roads.

Flt B - VAC; Because of dense smoke Bombarrier was unable to see DMI. He estimated and released. Bombs fell 1000 ft NS on bldgs and roads.

Flt C - VAC; Because of dense smoke Bombarrier was unable to see DMI. He estimated and released. Bombs fell 1000 ft NS on bldgs and roads.

Flt D - VAC; Because of dense smoke Bombarrier was unable to see DMI. He estimated and released. Bombs fell 1000 ft NS on bldgs and roads.

Flt E - VAC; Because of dense smoke Bombarrier was unable to see DMI. He estimated and released. Bombs fell 1000 ft NS on bldgs and roads.

Flt F - VAC; Because of dense smoke Bombarrier was unable to see DMI. He estimated and released. Bombs fell 1000 ft NS on bldgs and roads.

Flt G - VAC; Because of dense smoke Bombarrier was unable to see DMI. He estimated and released. Bombs fell 1000 ft NS on bldgs and roads.

Flt H - VAC; Because of dense smoke Bombarrier was unable to see DMI. He estimated and released. Bombs fell 1000 ft NS on bldgs and roads.

Flt I - VAC; Because of dense smoke Bombarrier was unable to see DMI. He estimated and released. Bombs fell 1000 ft NS on bldgs and roads.

Flt J - VAC; Because of dense smoke Bombarrier was unable to see DMI. He estimated and released. Bombs fell 1000 ft NS on bldgs and roads.

Flt K - VAC; Because of dense smoke Bombarrier was unable to see DMI. He estimated and released. Bombs fell 1000 ft NS on bldgs and roads.

Flt L - VAC; Because of dense smoke Bombarrier was unable to see DMI. He estimated and released. Bombs fell 1000 ft NS on bldgs and roads.





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NINTH AF 2ND PHASE INTERPRETATION REPORT US10/D 1092

- (a) LOCALITY: DEGGENDORF OIL STORAGE DEPOT (GSGS 4416/V 7 - U/840374)
 (b) SORTIE: US 31/4994 - 1015-17, 2014-16.
 (c) TOT: 20 Apr 45, 1350B
 (d) PERIOD UNDER REVIEW: This report covers all the damage to the target to date.
 (e) COVER: The target is covered on partially smoke obscured prints of good quality.
 (f) STATEMENT:

P.L.: 24"

SORTIE SCALE: 10,000
ANNOTATED PRINT: Mosaic

- A. The oil storage depot is severely damaged. At least 21 fires are still raging including: two large and five medium sized fuel tanks; two large warehouse type buildings; and several tank wagons on the railway sidings. In addition the railway sidings serving the fuelling wharfs are cut by craters.
 (g) ACTIVITY: At B (U/846362) is a large oil storage depot nearing completion comprised of 3 large (one still under construction), 15 medium and at least 8 small fuel tanks. The tanks are not protected by fire walls. The depot is served by a double track loading rack 900 feet long, roads and river transport. A total of at least 30 tank wagons are sited at both depots. No other activity is noted.

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416 TH	9TH B.D. (M) WING 97th	9th B.D. S-2 Report 104A
GROUP	DATE 20 April 1945	B.
OTHER UNITS: TARGET		Deggendorf Oil Storage Depot
	FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION	TARGET HIT

A. TARGET BRIEFED Deggendorf Oil Storage Depot PRIMARY
SECONDARY

M.P.I. 7 Points in target area.

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C. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED 44 426 NO. OF A/C ATTACKING 44
D. BOMBING BY 3's, 6's, 12's, 18's 6's IN FOLLOWING ORDER 1475263
E. NO. AND SIZE OF BOMBS DROPPED 176 x 1000 GP FUSING 1/10 - 1/100
F. HEADING OF A/C WHEN DROPPED
Box I Flt A - 195 deg 1129
B - 180 1131
G. TIME BOMBS DROPPED
C - 110 1135
Box II Flt A - 240 1129
B - 300m 1130
H. ACTIVITY AT TARGET
C - 52 1131
J. RESULTS OF BOMBING: Box III Flt A - 309 1130

Box I Flt A - DMPI - SUPER: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of bursts on DMPI. Bombs fell in tight pattern on bldgs and RR sidings, damaging or destroying bldgs and cutting tracks. Used impulse bombing.

Flt B - DMPI - EXCEL: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of bursts 450 ft S. Bombs hit in tight pattern on bldgs and RR sidings, starting fires and causing severe damage to bldgs and tracks.

Flt C - DMPI - SUPER: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of bursts 115 ft SW. Bombs fell across storage bldgs and siding in long pattern, causing considerable damage. Used impulse bombing.

Box II Flt A - DMPI - EXCEL: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI, center of bursts 350 ft SW. Bombs fell in good pattern on RR siding on storage bldg starting fires and causing considerable damage.

Flt B - NAO; Due to dense smoke blocking DMPI from view bombardier was forced to estimate DMPI. Bombs fell 840 ft SW, in good pattern, falling on bldgs and across roads and fields. One a/c dropped in river, another dropped on tracks on far side of river, probably cutting them. Used impulse bombing.

Flt C - DMPI - UNDET: Due to dense smoke over target area, no bomb bursts from this flt are visible. Crews report excellent results. Used impulse bombing.

Box III Flt A - NAO: Because of dense smoke over target Bombardier was unable to see DMPI. He estimated DMPI and dropped. Bombs fell in long pattern 1320 ft SE on bldgs and roads causing damage.

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UNSATISFACTORY BOMBING REPORTGROUP 416TH BOMB GROUPMISSION OF 20 APRIL 1945TO DEGGENDORF OIL STORAGE AREA.

	<u>NAMES</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>	<u>REASONS FOR GROSS BOMBING OR FAILURE TO ATTACK PRIMARY</u>
BOX I			
Flt. A	<u>Maj. C.H. Ferris (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	
	<u>Lt. R.L. Kirk (B)</u>	<u>SUPERIOR</u>	
	<u>Lt. M.C. McNutt (N)</u>		
Flt. B	<u>Lt. W.W. Annin (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	
	<u>Lt. R.L. Martin (B)</u>	<u>EXCELLENT</u>	
Flt. C	<u>Lt. W.H. Laseter (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	
	<u>Lt. M.P. Schlefer (B)</u>	<u>SUPERIOR</u>	
BOX II			
Flt. A	<u>Lt. F.S. Brewster (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	
	<u>Lt. L.W. Dennis (B)</u>	<u>EXCELLENT</u>	
	<u>F/O F.J. Conley (N)</u>		
Flt. B	<u>Capt. H.F. Pair (P)</u>	<u>N.A.O.</u>	Synchronized below target area and placed cross hairs into smoke at estimation of aiming point. No aiming operation was performed. A.B.R. malfunction caused two ships to drop late.
	<u>Lt. J.L. Corum (B)</u>		
Flt. C			
Flt. C	<u>Lt. D.O. Turner (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	Bombs fell into smoke making assessment impossible.
	<u>Lt. F.J. McGivern (B)</u>	<u>UNDET.</u>	
	<u>Lt. B.J. Morley (N)</u>		
BOX III			
Flt. A	<u>Capt. R.J. Tutt (P)</u>	<u>N.A.O.</u>	Synchronized below target area and placed cross hairs into smoke at estimation of aiming point. No aiming operation was performed.
	<u>Lt. L.A. Orr (B)</u>		

Flight C box I made two runs. All other flights made one run.

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2ND LT. AIR CORPS
ASST. GROUP BOMBARDIER

PHOTOGRAPHIC REPORT

CAMERAS INSTALLED 15 GROUP 416th. Bomb Gp. (L)
 CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING 15 100 % WING 97th. C.B.
 CAMERA FAILURES 0 0 % DATE 20 April 45
 PERSONNEL FAILURES 0 0 %
 OTHERS _____

_____ 224 TARGET DEGGENDORF
 _____ 416 ALTITUDE 8500 FEET
264 _____ TRUE AIR SPEED 210 MPH
 _____ 259 GROUND SPEED 210 MPH
 _____ 325 _____ 385 _____

_____ 205 TARGET DEGGENDORF
 _____ 2315 ALTITUDE 7500 FEET
 _____ 297 TRUE AIR SPEED 210 MPH
374 _____ 362 GROUND SPEED 210 MPH
 _____ 356 _____

_____ 328 TARGET DEGGENDORF
 _____ 313 ALTITUDE 7000 FEET
 _____ 209 TRUE AIR SPEED _____ MPH
 _____ _____ GROUND SPEED _____ MPH
 _____ _____

STRIKE ATTACK CAMERAS:

: BOX :	A/C :	CAM. :	F.L. :	INT. :	PRINTED :	UNPRINT :	EXPLANATION :
: NO. :	NO. :	TYPE :	:	:	SORTIES :	SORTIES :	:
1	224	K-24	6 3/8	0	28		
1	416	"	7	0			Duplicate coverage
1	259	"	6 3/8	0	25		
1	385	"	"	0			" "
1	264	"	7	0			" "
1	325	"	7	0	29		
2	205	"	7	0			" "
2	2315	"	7	0	24		
2	297	"	6 3/8	0			" "
2	356	"	7	0	26		
2	314	"	7	0			" "
2	328	"	7	0			" "
2	209	"	6 3/8	0			" "
2	313	"	7	0	27		

K-20 CAMERAS

Sortie No. _____ Cameraman _____ Reason Failure _____
 Sortie No. _____ Cameraman _____ Reason Failure _____

GENERAL INDEXTARGET DEGGENDORF O/L DEP. DATE 20 APR 45 NO. A/C 44 MISS. # 278COORD. WU-840374 F.O. # 263-865 STATUS ATTACKEDBRIEFING OFFICER CAPT. SHERIDAN

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HEADQUARTERS
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)APO # 140
20 April 1945MISSION SUMMARY NO. 121

Field Order 365

(Morning Missions)

Section I

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>MISSION RESULTS</u>
409 BG	Deggendorf (AU-840374) Oil Storage	Box I - Flight A - Superior (SMPI) Flight B - Superior Flight C - Unsat. Box II - Flight A - Superior Flight B - Undet.
416 BG	" "	Box I - Flight A - Superior Flight B - Excellent Flight C - Superior Box II - Flight A - Excellent Flight B - N.A.O. Flight C - Undet. Box III - Flight A - N.A.O.
386 BG	" "	Undet.
397 BG	Memmingen (WA-840343) Marshalling Yard	Box I - Flight A - Superior Flight B - Undet. Flight C - Superior (SMPI) Box II - Flight A - Undet. (SMPI) Flight B - Undet. (SMPI) Flight C - Excellent (SMPI)
323 BG	" "	Box I - Flight A - N.A.O. Flight B - Excellent Flight C - Superior Box II - Undet. Box III - Flight A - Excellent (SMPI) Flight B - Undet.
394 BG	" "	Box I - Flight A - Superior Flight B - Superior Flight C - Superior Box II - Flight A - Undet. Flight B - Undet. Flight C - Excellent.
344 BG	Straubing (WU-536416) Ordnance Depot	Box I - Flight A - Excellent Flight B - Excellent Flight C - Excellent Box II - Flight A - Superior Flight B - Excellent Flight C - Excellent
322 BG	" "	Box I - Flight A - Superior Flight B - Superior Flight C - Superior Box II - Flight A - Superior Flight B - N.A.O. Flight C - Superior

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GROUP NARRATIVE

Eight groups attacked oil storage, a marshalling yard, and an ordnance depot, recording Superior to Undetermined results.

Deggendorf (Oil Storage)

409 BG: 31 A-26 a/c dispatched, 29 dropping 116 X 1000 GP on Primary.

2 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failures.

1 a/c, on single engine and unable to lower wheels because of low hydraulic pressure, crash-landed at base.

No losses, battle damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 8000 - 9500 feet.

Box. I - Flt. A - SMPI - SUPERIOR. Bombardier misidentified DMPI. Selected as MPI a building approximately 1440 ft. S of DMPI. 100 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of SMPI. Center of excellent concentration is centered on SMPI. Later photographs show building which was used as SMPI to be completely destroyed.

Flt. B - DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Center of excellent concentration is approximately 245 ft. SE of DMPI. Pattern blankets DMPI and later photographs show several buildings destroyed, fires just starting, and what appears to be fresh oil spreading over the ground. Several late releases can be seen hitting in the river.

Flt. C - DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. 10 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Center of excellent concentration is approximately 1300 ft. SE of DMPI. Pattern blankets about 10 goods wagons on a two-track rail siding. Remainder of pattern is in open fields. Bombardier over corrected because of oscillating telescope hairs.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Center of excellent concentration is approximately centered on DMPI. Strike photographs show a very large burst of flame developing immediately after first bombs hit. Pin points of light where fires are burning can be seen in vicinity of DMPI.

Flt. B - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Bursts cannot be picked up because of heavy smoke over target. Bombardier reports superior results.

416 BG: 44 A-26 a/c dispatched, 43 dropping 171 X 1000 GP on Primary. 1 a/c dropped 4 X 1000 GP at Viechtach (WU-760640), 25 miles NNW of Primary, after bombs hung up at Primary target. 1 X 1000 GP, which hung up at target, fell onto bomb bay doors while a/c was circling base. Pilot was instructed to release in open field. Bomb fell safe at O-130020.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 8000 - 9500 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Center of bursts on DMPI. Fight pattern on buildings and RR sidings, damaging or destroying buildings and cutting tracks. Impulse bombing.

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Flt. B - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Center of bursts 450 ft. S of DMPI. Tight pattern on buildings and RR sidings, starting fires and causing severe damage to buildings and tracks.

Flt. C - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Center of bursts 115 ft. SW of DMPI. Bombs fell across storage buildings and siding in long pattern, causing considerable damage. Impulse bombing.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Center of bursts 350 ft. SW of DMPI. Good pattern on RR siding and storage building, starting fires and causing considerable damage.

Flt. B - NAO. Due to dense smoke blocking DMPI from view, bombardier was forced to estimate DMPI. Bombs fell 840 ft. SW, in good pattern, on buildings and across roads and fields. One a/c dropped in river; another dropped on tracks on far side of river, probably cutting them. Impulse bombing.

Flt. C - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Due to dense smoke over target area, no bomb bursts from this flight are visible. Crews report excellent results. Impulse bombing.

Box III - Flt. A - NAO. Because of dense smoke over target bombardier was unable to see DMPI. Estimated DMPI and dropped. Bombs fell in long pattern 1320 ft. SE, on buildings and roads, causing damage.

386 BG: 37 A-26 a/c dispatched, 30 dropping 216 x 500 IB on primary.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure. (This a/c, on single engine, jettisoned 6 x 500 IB safe in open field near base).

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 8400 - 10,000 feet.

Box I - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Bursts appear within close radius of DMPI. However, smoke of previous bombings and type of bomb used does not allow measurement of radial error or exact outline of complete pattern. Bombs fell in assigned target area, with probable hits on desired installations, leaving the area smoking heavily.

Box II - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Due to type of bomb used and smoke of previous bombs covering target area, it is impossible to make accurate measurement of bomb pattern or radial error by flights. However, final strike attack photo shows complete target area covered in length and width, and smoking very heavily.

Memmingen (Marshalling Yard)

397 BG: 36 a/c dispatched, 35 dropping 70 x 2000 GP on primary.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 11,000 - 13,500 feet.

Box I - Flight A. DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Good pattern 205 feet E of DMPI, hitting RR overpass, supplies, roads, miscellaneous buildings and RR cars.

Flight B. DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage due to smoke and no visual observations for same reason.

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Flight C. SMPI - SUPERIOR. DMPI covered by smoke. Bombed SMPI in yard, 710 feet N of DMPI. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of SMPI. Good pattern 105 feet E of SMPI, hitting across tracks, RR cars, stores, m/y buildings, and roads.

Box II - Flight A. SMPI - UNDETERMINED. Could not pick up DMPI in smoke. Bombed point 320 feet S of DMPI. Bombs fell in smoke, preventing assessment. No visual reports for same reason.

Flight B. SMPI - UNDETERMINED. Could not pick up DMPI in smoke. Bombed in smoke 2100 feet S of DMPI. No photo coverage or visual observation of results because of smoke.

Flight C. SMPI - EXCELLENT. Smoke obscured DMPI. Selected MPI 2950 feet S of DMPI. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of SMPI. Smoke obscured pattern 300 feet N of SMPI. Bombs hit among tracks and buildings.

323 BG: 48 a/c dispatched, 43 dropping 86 x 2000 GP on primary. Bomb disposition unknown of 4 a/c (3 lost, 1 landed at Metz.).

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure.

3 a/c lost to e/a: the crew of 1 a/c bailed out at WX-620580, 1 mile SE of Laupheim (enemy territory); the crew of another a/c bailed out near Saarunion (WQ-520380) - friendly territory; the third a/c crashed near Saarlautern (WQ-280800). Casualties are unknown, but several crewmen from the last-named a/c are reported to be in a hospital in the Saarlautern area. In all, 20 crewmen are missing.

A fourth a/c crash-landed at base due to damage sustained from e/a action: 10 additional a/c flak battle-damaged; 2 crewmen wounded.

Visual bombing by flights from 10,700 - 13,500 feet.

Box I - Flight A. N.A.O. Bombs would not release electrically, so bombardier was forced to salvo late. MPI of excellent concentration 560 feet NW of DMPI. Bombs fell in builtup area of town, cutting roads and hitting buildings.

Flight B. DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Excellent concentration. MPI of bursts 570 feet E of DMPI. Bombs fell on edge of town in slightly builtup area, cutting roads and hitting buildings.

Flight C. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Excellent concentration. MPI of bursts 240 feet SE of DMPI. Bombs fell squarely on m/y, with edge of pattern in builtup area immediately W of m/y.

Box II - Flight A. DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Due to fighter attack on bomb run, no cameras in this flight were turned on at proper time. Long oblique photo shows new bombs in m/y, but type of photo prevents grading of bombs.

Flight B. DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Due to fighter attack on bomb run, no cameras were turned on in this flight. No photo coverage. Although bombardier was forced to salvo, crews report bombs in target area.

Flight C. DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Due to fighter attack on bomb run, one camera was knocked loose from mount. No photo coverage. Other film from this flight was blank. Crews report bombs in m/y.

Box III - Flight A. SMPI - EXCELLENT. DMPI for this flight was obscured by smoke. Bombardier moved MPI approximately 550 feet S in m/y.

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Bombs fell in excellent concentration with MPI 470 feet E of SMPI. Bombs blanketed industrial sidings and warehouses immediately SE of m/y.

Flight B. DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Lead a/c was rammed by enemy a/c while on bomb run, so that synchronous sighting operation was not accomplished. Bombarrier had DMPI in sight just before bombs away, but due to both cameras not being turned on no photo cover is available. Crews report bombs in m/y.

394 BG: 38 a/c dispatched, all dropping 75 x 2000 GP on primary. 1 x 2000 GP, which hung up at primary, was dropped on briefed secondary target.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 11,500 - 13,500 feet.

Box I - Flight A. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Tight concentration directly on, and centering on, DMPI. Hits on sidings, buildings and rolling stock. Damage should be very heavy.

Flight B. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Partly smoke covered concentration approximately 60 feet N of DMPI, and covering it. Damage to installations and tracks should be severe.

Flight C. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Partly smoke covered concentration approximately 50 feet W of DMPI, and covering it. Smoke prevents damage estimate, but heavy damage is probable.

Box II - Flight A. DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Camera malfunction at primary. Crews report superior results. One bomb in lead a/c hung up, and it was dropped on secondary target, a/f at Laupheim (WX590610). Camera functioned this time, and photo shows probable hit on an a/c shed.

Flight B. DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Bombs fell in smoke, and cannot be seen. Crews report superior results on primary.

Flight C. DMPI - EXCELLENT. Approximately 50% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Most of pattern is in smoke, so an accurate damage estimate is not possible.

Straubing (Ordnance Depot)

344 BG: 38 a/c dispatched, 37 dropping 74 x 2000 GP on primary. Bomb disposition unknown of 1 a/c which is missing.

Missing a/c and 6 crewmen are unreported.

No losses, battle damage, further casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 7,700 - 10,120 feet.

Box I - Flight A. DMPI - EXCELLENT. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Good pattern 385 feet W of DMPI, with hits in open and across highway.

Flight B. DMPI - EXCELLENT. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Good pattern 346 feet NW of DMPI. Hits blanket one main building, with one or more hits on another.

Flight C. DMPI - EXCELLENT. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Good pattern 439 feet E of DMPI. Hits on two main buildings. Later photos show both badly damaged.

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Box II - Flight A. DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Good pattern 240 feet W of DMPI. Hits blanket 4 buildings. Later photos show 3 almost 100% destroyed.

Flight B. DMPI - EXCELLENT. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Good pattern 530 feet NE of DMPI. Hits on two undamaged buildings, and one already damaged. Later photos show very severe damage.

Flight C. DMPI - EXCELLENT. 75% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Good pattern 790 feet NE of DMPI. Bombs cover area hit by two previous flights, adding to damage on 3 or 4 buildings.

322 BG: 36 a/c dispatched, 31 dropping 62 x 2000 GP on primary. 4 a/c dropped 8 x 2000 GP on Other target.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 8,800 - 9,250 feet.

Box I - Flight A. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern 210 feet from DMPI, blanketing buildings in SE corner of area. One late bomb hit on or very close to buildings in NW corner of target area.

Flight B. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Small pattern centered 185 feet to SE, in NE part of target area, with probable hits on building.

Flight C. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI, except one late release about 1100 feet to N. Good pattern centered 205 feet NW of DMPI, paralleling W side of target area, with hits very close to buildings. The late release out a rail line.

Box II - Flight A. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Tight pattern 80 feet to SW, covering 4 or 5 buildings, with possible hit on another building. One late bomb hit to NE on oval track.

Flight B. N.A.O. Bombardier accidentally hit toggle switch near "on course" point, bombs hitting in woods 7.3 miles SSE of primary.

Flight C. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern centered 110 feet to SSE of DMPI, partially into bursts of Flight A, covering two or possibly more buildings, in NW part of area. One late release in fields nearby.

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Section II

A/C OFF		308
A/C Bombing	297	
A/C Failing to Bomb	6	
Bombs of 5 A/C Unaccounted for	5	
TOTAL		308

Bombs on Enemy Territory	575.5
Total Bombs to Date	149,813.39

A/C Lost (323 BG)	3	
A/C Missing (344 BG)	1	
A/C Crash-Landed (409 BG, 323 BG)	2	
A/C Battle Damaged	14	4.59%
Killed	0	
Wounded	2	
Missing	26	
Injured	0	
Claims	1-2-0	

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FAILURES TO BOMB

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>NO. A/C</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>REASON</u>
409	2	Mechanical	1 - Oil leak. 1 - Bomb release malfunction.
386	1	Mechanical	Right engine out.
397	1	Mechanical	Prop governor out.
323	1	Mechanical	Gas leak.
322	1	Mechanical	Bomb bay doors failed to open.

OBSERVATIONS

WEATHER: Deggendorf 409 BG: Clear. Visibility 15-25 miles, some haze and battle smoke drifting from north.

416 BG: Patchy high cloud, no low or medium. Visibility unlimited down sun, 6-8 miles up sun. Column of smoke up to 9-10,000 ft. directly over the target caused by oil being hit by the group preceding. Because of smoke group had to come in opposite direction and bomb run.

386 BG: Nil low cloud. 5/10 cirrus above 20,000 ft. Visibility 6-8 miles up sun, 15-20 miles down sun.

Merrinville 397 BG: 7/10 CB at 22,000 ft., very thin. No low cloud. Light haze to 13,000 ft. with moderate haze patches. Visibility aloft 15-20 miles. 5 miles up sun and 13 down sun on bomb run.

323 BG: Clear. Visibility 15-20 miles with light haze to altitude. Smoke from previous bombing restricted visibility locally.

394 BG: 3-4/10 cirrus at 20,000 ft. Visibility 15-20 miles down sun and 10 miles up sun.

Straubing 344 BG: Nil cloud. Visibility 10 miles plus.

322 BG: 2-3/10 cirrus at 20,000 ft. Visibility 30-40 miles.

FLAK ANALYSIS ANALYSIS

A/C OVER ENEMY TERRITORY	305
A/C LOST TO FLAK	0
A/C MISSING	1
A/C FLAK BATTLE DAMAGED	10
% A/C FLAK BATTLE DAMAGED	3.28%

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Deggendorf Oil Storage Depot 409, 416, 386 Gp.

A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Flak Battle Damaged	0
% A/C Flak Battle Damaged	0

Flak was neither anticipated nor encountered at the target by any of the groups. The 409 Gp. experienced no flak en route.

One flight of the 416 Gp., in bombing a casual target at Viechtach (U-760640), experienced moderate, accurate, heavy flak fire at that point. No heavy flak defenses are plotted at Viechtach.

The 386 Gp. flew within range of the Regensburg defenses and encountered moderate inaccurate, heavy flak fire at U-130560.

Munmingen Marshalling Yard 397, 323, 394 Gp.

A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Flak Battle Damaged	10
% A/C Flak Battle Damaged	8.26%

Although there are 4 heavy flak guns plotted within range of the target, no flak was experienced by any of the groups at that point.

The 397 Gp. encountered weak, inaccurate, heavy flak fire in the vicinity of the bomblines, in the area bounded by Friborg (W-370485), Wolfach (W-367675), Haslach (W-260645), and Elzach (W-250540). The 323 Gp. met weak to moderate, accurate, heavy flak fire near the bomblines at W-230550. This group sustained the damage indicated above. Crews expressed the opinion that the fire may have been from railway yards. There are no heavy flak guns plotted in this area.

Straubing Ordnance Depot 344, 322 Gp.

A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Missing	1
A/C Flak Battle Damaged	0
% A/C Flak Battle Damaged	0

Flak was neither anticipated nor experienced en route or at the target.

Summary: The fire experienced by the 416 Gp. at Viechtach, and by the 397 and 323 Gps. in the Friborg-Wolfach-Haslach-Elzach area, are an indication that the enemy is probably endeavoring to cover all possible communications objectives leading to the "National Redoubt" area.

S/A PHOTO REPORT

GROUP	CAMERAS	MECHANICAL FAILURES		PERSONNEL FAILURES	
	PHOTOGRAPHING	NO.	PERCENT	NO.	PERCENT
409	100%	0	0	0	0
416	100%	0	0	0	0
386	100%	0	0	0	0
397	100%	0	0	0	0
323	56%	0	0	7	44%
394	100%	0	0	0	0
344	100%	0	0	0	0
322	100%	0	0	0	0

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ENEMY AIRCRAFT ACTION

F.O.F.'s: 1043 to 1256

The 323 Group was attacked by 3-5 Me 262's from the IP (X-940050) toombs away at Memmingen (1102 to 1109 hours). Tentative claims are 1-2-0; three bombers were lost and one damaged due to the jet attacks.

The Me 262's were aggressive, and made their attacks singly from 5 and 7 o'clock low, breaking away at 3 or 9 o'clock high.

One of the jetcraft, evidently out of control, rammed the lead aircraft, which returned safely. The pilot of the jet then bailed out and is claimed destroyed.

The 394 Group observed two Me 163's while rallying off the primary target (Memmingen) at 1133. The jets were being chased by 2 P-51's at deck level. This group also reports two FW 190's being chased on the deck by 4 P-51's four minutes later.

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Box I
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JEA ITA V JKI JKI 15/28 OP OP
 FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 28/1615B
 TO CG, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION ATTN: A-2
 CG, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING ATTN: A-2
 DT
 SECRET 416TH BG P-368-D
 OPFLASH FOR MORNING MISSION, 28 APRIL 1945

A. 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)
 B. DEGGENDORF OIL STORAGE DEPOT (UW-848374)
 C. 44 A-26'S
 D. 43 A-26'S ON PRIMARY
 1 A-26 ON CASUAL VIECHTACH (U-760640) SEE PARAGRAPH F

E. NONE
 F. 171 X 1000 GP'S ON PRIMARY
 1 X 1000 GP'S ON CASUAL. BOMBS WOULD NOT RELEASE AT PRIMARY. PILOT CALLED HIS FLIGHT LEADER WHO LED THE FLIGHT TO CASUAL TARGET VIECHTACH (U-760640). B/W OF LEAD A/C IN THE FLIGHT INSTRUCTED THE PILOT WHEN TO DROP. REASON FOR FAILURE TO RELEASE BEING INVESTIGATED.

1 X 1000 GP JETTISONED SAFE IN OPEN FIELD AT 6-130020 NEAR CRAONNE. BOMB HUNG UP AT PRIMARY DUE TO MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION, AND WOULD NOT SALVO. WHILE CIRCLING A-69 THE BOMB FELL ON THE BOMBAY DOORS FORCING THE DOORS TO OPEN PARTIALLY. PILOT WAS INSTRUCTED BY BOATDECK CONTROL TO DROP THE BOMB IN AN OPEN FIELD. REASON FOR FAILURE OF BOMB RELEASE BEING INVESTIGATED.

G. BOX I
 A. SUPERIOR 1 RUN - IMPULSE BOMBING
 B. EXCELLENT 1 RUN
 C. EXCELLENT 2 RUNS - IMPULSE BOMBING

BOX II
 A. SUPERIOR 1 RUN
 B. EXCELLENT 1 RUN IMPULSE BOMBING
 C. SUPERIOR 1 RUN IMPULSE BOMBING

BOX III
 A. EXCELLENT 1 RUN

H. NIL

I. NIL

J. MODERATE ACCURATE HEAVY FLAK FROM VIECHTACH U-760640, AT ONE FLIGHT. 1 A/C OF THIS FLIGHT ATTACHED THIS CITY.

K. NIL

L.	BOX I	BOX II	BOX III
	A. 9500	A. 8900	A. 8250
	B. 9100	B. 8800	
	C. 9300	C. 8700	

M.	BOX I	BOX II	BOX III
	A. 1120	A. 1129 1/2	A. 1130
	B. 1131	B. 1130 1/2	
	C. 1135 1/2	C. 1131 1/2	

X. FORMATION LEADER CONTACTED BABY PARADE AND POKER AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS AND REPORTED THAT THE FORMATION WAS ON COURSE AND ON TIME.

FLAK OBSERVATION: SIX TO TEN OBJECTS, POSSIBLY ROCKET PROJECTILES, SEEN COMING UP TO 10,000 FEET AT THE RIGHT OF THE FORMATION AT THE RP (UW-828330). ADENSBURG

HAROLD W. ANDERSON
 CAPTAIN, AIR CORPS.

DT 28/1615B

JF AR

ITA R.....28/1757B DF AR
 JEA R.....XXXXXXXXX 28/1634B UCB AR

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TO : CG, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
CG, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING

ATTN:A-2
ATTN:A-2

FROM : 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

SECRET (OPFLASH FOR MORNING MISSION, 20 APRIL 1945)

- A. 416th Bomb Group (L)
- B. DEGENENDORF OIL STORAGE DEPOT (WU-840374).
- C. 44 A-26's
- D. 43 A-26's on Primary
1 A-26 on casual VIECHTACH (U-760640) see paragraph F
- E. None.
- F. 171 x 1000 GP's on primary
4 x 1000 GP's on casual. Bombs would not release at primary. Pilot called his flight leader who led the flight to casual target VIECHTACH (U-760640). B/N of lead A/C in the flight instructed the pilot when to drop.
1 x 1000 GP jettisoned safe in open field at 0-130020 near CRAONNE. Bomb hung up at primary due to mechanical malfunction, and would not salvo. While circling A-69 the bomb fell on the bombay doors forcing the doors to open partially. Pilot was instructed by BOATDECK Control to drop the bomb in an open field. Reason for failure of bomb release being investigated.
- G. Box I
A. Superior 1 run - impulse bombing
B. Excellent 1 run
C. Excellent 2 runs impulse bombing
- Box II
A. Superior 1 run
B. Excellent 1 run impulse bombing
C. Superior 1 run impulse bombing
- Box III
A. Excellent 1 run
- H. Nil.
- I. Nil.
- J. ~~Moderate Inaccurate Heavy Flak from area around U-255375.~~
Moderate Accurate Heavy Flak from VIECHTACH U-760640, by flight
Nil. (which attacked casual target.
- | | | |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| <u>Box I</u> | <u>Box II</u> | <u>Box III</u> |
| A. 9500 | A. 8900 | A. 8250 |
| B. 9100 | B. 8000 | |
| C. 9300 | C. 8700 | |
- M. Box I Box II Box III
- | | | |
|----------|----------|---------|
| A. 1129 | A. 1129½ | A. 1130 |
| B. 1131 | B. 1130½ | |
| C. 1135½ | C. 1131½ | |
- X. Formation leader contacted BABY PARADE and POKER AT fighter rendezvous and reported that the formation was on course and on time.

FLAK OBSERVATION: Six to ten objects, possibly rocket projectiles, seen coming up to 10,000 feet at the right of the formation at the RP (WU-020330).

HAROLD W. ANDERSON,
Captain, Air Corps,
Duty Intelligence Officer.

To CG. 9th Bomb Div A.H. A2.
 CG. 97th ~~Combat~~ ^{Combat} Wing A.H. A2.
 From. 416th B.G. (L)

Secret.

Applicable for 20 April 1945 (morning)

A. 416th Bomb Group (L)

B. Deggendorf oil Storage Depot (WU 840 374)

C. 44 A2G A/c.

D. 43 A2G A/c on primary.

1 A2G A/c on casual Viechtach U760640

E. None

See paragraph F

F. 175 X 1000 G.P.S on primary.

4 X 1000 G.P.S on casual. Bombs would not release at primary. Pilot called his flight leader who led the flight to casual target Viechtach U760640. B/N of lead A/c in the flight instructed the pilot when to drop.

1 X 1000 G.P.

G. Box 1

A. Superior. 1 run (X)

B. Excellent. 1 run

C. Excellent. 2 runs (X)

~~Box 3~~

A. Detonated safe in open field at O-130020 near crabs.

Box 2

A. Superior. 1 run

B. Excellent. 1 run (X)

C. Superior. 1 run (X)

Box 3

A. Excellent. 1 run

due to much malfunction Bomb hung up at primary and would not salvo.

While circling A69 the bomb fell on the bomb bay doors facing the doors to open partially. Pilot was instructed by Bombardier Control to drop the bomb in an open field. Reason for failure to release being investigated.

H. nil.

I. nil

J.

K. mil.

L. Box 1

A - 9500

B - 9100

C - 9300

Box 3

A. 8250

Box 2

A 8900

B-8000

C-8700

M. Box 1

A - 1129

B - 1131

C - 1135 $\frac{1}{2}$

Box 2

A - 1129 $\frac{1}{2}$

B - ~~1126 $\frac{1}{2}$~~ 1130 $\frac{1}{2}$

C - 1131 $\frac{1}{2}$

Box 3

A. 1130

X. Formation leader contacted Baby
Parade & asked at fighter rendezvous
and reported that the formation was
on course and on time.

A - 44

B - 43 primary

1 casual. Uichtach 0760640

C - $85\frac{1}{2}$ p.

2

S.

exp.

 $\frac{1}{2}$

Jetteland at 0.130020 near

Craonne

D. Excellent

E. nil

F. nil

G. nil

H. nil.

I. nil

J. nil

K. 1550

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \overline{) 174} \\ 88 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \overline{) 171} \\ 85\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$$

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ITA JEA V JKI JKI 23/20 OP - OP

FROM HQ, 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) S-2 PI 20/2100B
TO HQ, 9TH BOMBER DIV (M) A-2 PI
HQ, 97TH WING (L) A-2 DUTY OFF.

BT

SECRET 416BG P-376-D

B. DEGGENDORF OIL STORAGE DEPOT

G. 1129 - 1135

J. BOX I FLT A - DMPI - SUPER: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF BURSTS ON DMPI. BOMBS FELL IN TIGHT PATTERN ON BLDGS AND RR SIDINGS, DAMAGING OR DESTROYING BLDGS AND CUTTING TRACKS. USED IMPULSE BOMBING.

FLT B - DMPI - EXCEL: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF BURSTS 450FT S. BOMBS HIT IN TIGHT PATTERN ON BLDGS AND RR SIDINGS, STARTING FIRES AND CAUSING SEVERE DAMAGE TO BLDGS AND TRACKS.

FLT C - DMPI - SUPER: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF BURSTS 115FT SW. BOMBS FELL ACROSS STORAGE BLDGS AND SIDING IN LONG PATTERN, CAUSING CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE. USED IMPULSE BOMBING.

BOX II FLT A - DMPI - EXCEL: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000FT OF DMPI, CENTER OF BURSTS 350FT SW. BOMBS FELL IN GOOD PATTERN ON RR SIDING ON STORAGE BLDG STARTING FIRES AND CAUSING CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE.

FLT B - NAO; DUE TO DENSE SMOKE BLOCKING DMPI FROM VIEW BOMBARDIER WAS FORCED TO ESTIMATE DMPI. BOMBS FELL 840FT SW. IN GOOD PATTERN, FALLING ON BLDGS AND ACROSS ROADS AND FIELDS. ONE A/C DROPPED IN RIVER, ANOTHER DROPPED ON TRACKS ON FAR SIDE OF RIVER, PROBABLY CUTTING THEM. USED IMPULSE BOMBING.

FLT C - DMPI - UNDET: DUE TO DENSE SMOKE OVER TARGET AREA, NO BOMB BURSTS FROM THIS FLT ARE VISIBLE. CREWS REPORT EXCELLENT RESULTS. USED IMPULSE BOMBING.

BOX III FLT A - NAO; BECAUSE OF DENSE SMOKE OVER TARGET BOMBARDIER WAS UNABLE TO SEE DMPI. HE ESTIMATED DMPI AND DROPPED. BOMBS FELL IN LONG PATTERN 1320FT SE ON BLDGS AND ROADS CAUSING DAMAGE.

K. NIL

M. - A) 15 - 100PERCENT

- B) 0 - 0 "

- C) 0 - 0 "

N. 30 - 35 HITS ON STORAGE BLDGS - 15 - 20 HITS ON RR TRACKS. 10 - 15 HITS ON SMALLER BLDGS. 5 - 10 HITS ON ROADS.

1ST LT., PERKINS

BT 20/2100B

JF AR AR

ITA R.....202140B DF KK

JEJ R.....20/2140B WCB KK

JEA V JKI JKI 02/20 OP-QP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 20/0920B
TO CG, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) ATTN: A-2
BT

SECRET P-355-D
(MORNING MISSION, 20 APRIL 2945)

1. THE FOLLOWING MPI'S ON ILLUSTRATION NO. 1(A)(IV) 53/2:

- 03950415
- 03920433
- 03900450
- 03880465
- 03720500
- 03750535
- 03650555

BT 20/0920B

FD AR
JEA R.....20/0928B FK AR

A

-OP-

FROM : 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : CG, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L)

ATTN:A-2

SECRET

(MORNING MISSION, 20 APRIL 1945)

1. THE FOLLOWING MPI'S ON ILLUSTRATION NO. 1(a)(iv)53/2:

- 03950415
- 03920433
- 03900450
- 03880465
- 03720500
- 03750535
- 03650555

HAROLD W. ANDERSON,
Captain, Air Corps,
Duty Intelligence Officer.

ITA JES JKI V JEA JEA 13/19 OP OP

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 19/2100B
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGPS 409, 416

BT

P-167-E

SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH: COL. MC AFEE
INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 FIELD ORDER NO. 263-865

1. TARGET: DEGGENDORF OIL STORAGE DEPOT (WU-840374)
TARGET CONTAINS 1 TANK 53 FEET IN DIAMETER, 2 TANKS 40 FEET IN DIAMETER, 3 TANKS 30 FEET IN DIAMETER, 5 TANKS 28 FEET IN DIAMETER, AND 2 TANKS 23 FEET IN DIAMETER. THERE ARE ALSO NUMEROUS STORAGE AND SERVICE BUILDINGS. BOTH RAIL AND RIVER SERVICE WITH QUAYS FOR UNLOADING EXISTS HERE. THIS IS A S H A E F PRIORITY TARGET.
2. THE 409TH WILL ATTACK 20 MINUTES BEFORE THE 416TH. THE 409TH WILL COVER THE ANNOTATED AREA ON ILL. 1(A)(IV)53/2, AND THE 416TH WILL COVER THE AREA ON THAT ILLUSTRATION BOUNDED BY 037040-035058-038058-041040. ANOTHER GROUP WILL ATTACK 20 MINUTES AFTER THE 416TH
3. PHOTO COVERAGE:

1(A)(IV)53/1 AND 2.

MAP COVERAGE:

GSGS 4492 SHEET 57W. GSGS 4416 SHEET V-7
4. NO PW CAMPS ARE PLOTTED NEAR BY.
5. NO PLOTTED FLAK ON ROUTE OR ON TARGET.
6. TARGET IS WELL BEYOND BOMBLINE.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 19/2100B

AR

SS

ITA R BBBB TO ALL 19/2122B CLEV KKKK

JES R 19/2122B HO K

JKI R 19/2122B EW K

ITA JES JPO JKI V JEA 1/20 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 20/0232B
 TO COMBONDIV IX
 COBOMGP 409
 COBOMGP 410
 COBOMGP 416

BT

SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH. COL. MC AFEE

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 A P O 140
 20 APRIL 1945

ANNEX NO. 2 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 263-865 97CBW P-170-E

CHANGE PARA. 1. B. (2) TO READ:
 THE IX TAC WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THIS WING.

CHANGE PARA. 3. X. (4). TO READ:
 EMERGENCY SHORT FIELDS: Y-72, Y-78, Y-79, Y-2, A-96.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 20/0232B
 LCB AR

ITA R.	20/0245B	SG	AR
JES R.	20/0245B	JMB	AR
JPO R.	20/0255B	SL	AR
JKI R.	20 0245B	WFG	AR

693
 3-3
 316

QQ 654597

2cl.

A.M. 1(A)(V) 29/1+2

cover annotated
area on 1/2

P.W.at QQ 666612
668612

E.6661

RE

ITA JES JPO JKI V JEA 14/19 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 19/2115B
TO COMBOMDIV IX
COBOMGP 409TH
COBOMGP 410TH (INFO)
COBOMGP 416TH

BT

SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH: COL. MC AFEE

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O - 140
19 APRIL 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 263-865 97CBW P-168-E

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE.
(2) THE XXIX TAC WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THIS WING.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK A TARGET IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR: 20/1000B

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.
 - (2) MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
 - (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT R-6990 AT 6,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE YELLOW FLARES.
 - (9) M.P.I. ILL. 1(A)(IV)53/2 COVER ANNOTATED AREA. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
- B. 416TH BOMB GROUP.
 - (2) MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
 - (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT R-6990 AT 6,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES.
 - (9) M.P.I. ILL. 1(A)(IV)53/2 COVER AREA REF. 037040, 035058, 038058, 041040. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
- X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE
 - (5) TARGET: DEGGENDORF OIL STORAGE DEPOT (WU840374).
 - (6) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO RENDEZVOUS TO WT-3653 TO WZ-8494 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 - (7) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO WT-3653 AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
 - (8) ALTITUDES: BOMB 9,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUDS DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 4,000 FEET ABOVE THE TERRAIN. LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
 - (9) I.P.: Q-0219.
 - (10) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SE TO NW.
 - (11) 4 X 1000 LB GP FUSED 1/10 SEC NOSE, 1/100 SEC TAIL.
 - (12) R.P.: WU-0233.
 - (13) GROUPS WILL BOMB (A) PRIMARY VISUALLY (B) ALTERNATE VISUALLY OR RETURN BOMBS TO BASE.
 - (14) ONE GROUP WILL ATTACK THIS TARGET 20 MINUTES AFTER THE 416TH BOMB GROUP.
 - (15) ALTERNATE TARGET: WT-2218.

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS TO FOLLOW.

COMCBTWIG 97
BT 19/2115B
LEG AR

JES R19/2135B HO AR K
JPO R19/2140B WAC AR KK
JKI R19/2140B EW KK
ITA R19/2140B HAS AR

MISSION NO. 278

LOADING LIST

20 April 1945

BOX I
FLIGHT I

1. 528 T
Major C H Ferris
Lt R L Kirk
Lt M C McNutt
S/S D J Rio

2. 224 E
Lt W D Chitty
Sgt V B Raccio

3. 286 D
Lt J F Wallace
Sgt R Plant

4. 416 O
Lt R E Singletary
S/S J J Richetson

5. 334 G
Lt J F Stankowski
Sgt A H Kimball

6. 9315 F
Lt W M Balch
Sgt J D Brennan

FLIGHT II

1. 640 N
Lt W W Ammin
Lt R L Martin
S/S C J Rivart

2. 259 H
Lt J P Phillips
S/S R S Gandy

3. 310 A
Lt R J Lackner
Sgt W H Fidler

4. 9352 J
Lt W H Roberts
S/S J W Felkel

5. 188 R
Lt G J Parkhurst
S/S F Newman

6. 385 D
Lt E B Drum
Sgt J R Schwartzkopf

FLIGHT III

1. 508 Z
Lt W H Laseter
Lt M P Schlefer
S/S R M Cross

2. 321 T
Lt J H Carver
S/S A B Stewart

3. 264 I
Lt J W Blevins
S/S F Gentry
S/S C W Williford

4. 305 U
Lt L E Cannon
S/S L V Metzler

5. 325 L
Lt A S Nathanson
S/S C M Hicks

6. 274 S
Lt F R Tank
Sgt C D Fagan

spare

229 H
Capt J M Shapard
S/S J J McGuire

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BOX II
FLIGHT I

1. 469 A
Lt F S Brewster
Lt D W Dennis
F/O F J Conley
S/S W O Clark

4. 223 B
Lt R S Bower
S/S A P Sgroi

2. 609 N
Major H F Conant
Lt L J Page
S/S J Sienkiewicz

5. 2315 L
F/O S B Boerner
Sgt K A Eddy

3. 205 M
Lt W Misgrove
S/S H O Seighman

6. 393 M
Lt S H Sheley
S/S D V Paladino

FLIGHT II

1. 498 R
Capt H F Pair
Lt J L Corum
S/S O E Swank

4. 360 L
Lt J C Gary
S/S A B Eaton

2. 265 V
Lt T E Graeber
S/S A H Miller

5. 250 A
Lt D L Price
S/S D E McNellis

3. 297 T
Lt A J P Winn
S/S G G Stephenson

6. 356 C
Lt R L Simpson
Sgt V S Stypenski

FLIGHT III

1. 492 E
Lt D O Turner
Lt P J McGivern
Lt B J Morley
S/S H B McClain

4. 252 D
Major H L Sommers
S/S K Heath

2. 271 R
Lt F G Dunn
Sgt L C Stein
Lt J W Britt

5. 362 Y
Lt R Harper
Sgt R M Black

3. 338 O
Lt M W DuBose
Sgt K A Reid

6. 314 H
Lt C H Housley
Sgt P J Block

SPARE

354 S
Lt P W Wills
S/S W S McCaughey

EXTRA FLIGHT

1. 497 E
Capt R J Tutt
Lt L A Orr
S/S W Wood

2. 2352 J
Lt S Mooney
Sgt R C Schumacher

3. 328 D
Lt J B Cocks
S/S R D Redding

4. 239 N
Lt D A Fero
S/S T W Skelton
Lt T W Sampson

5. 209 M
Lt J W Spires
S/S R W Messinger

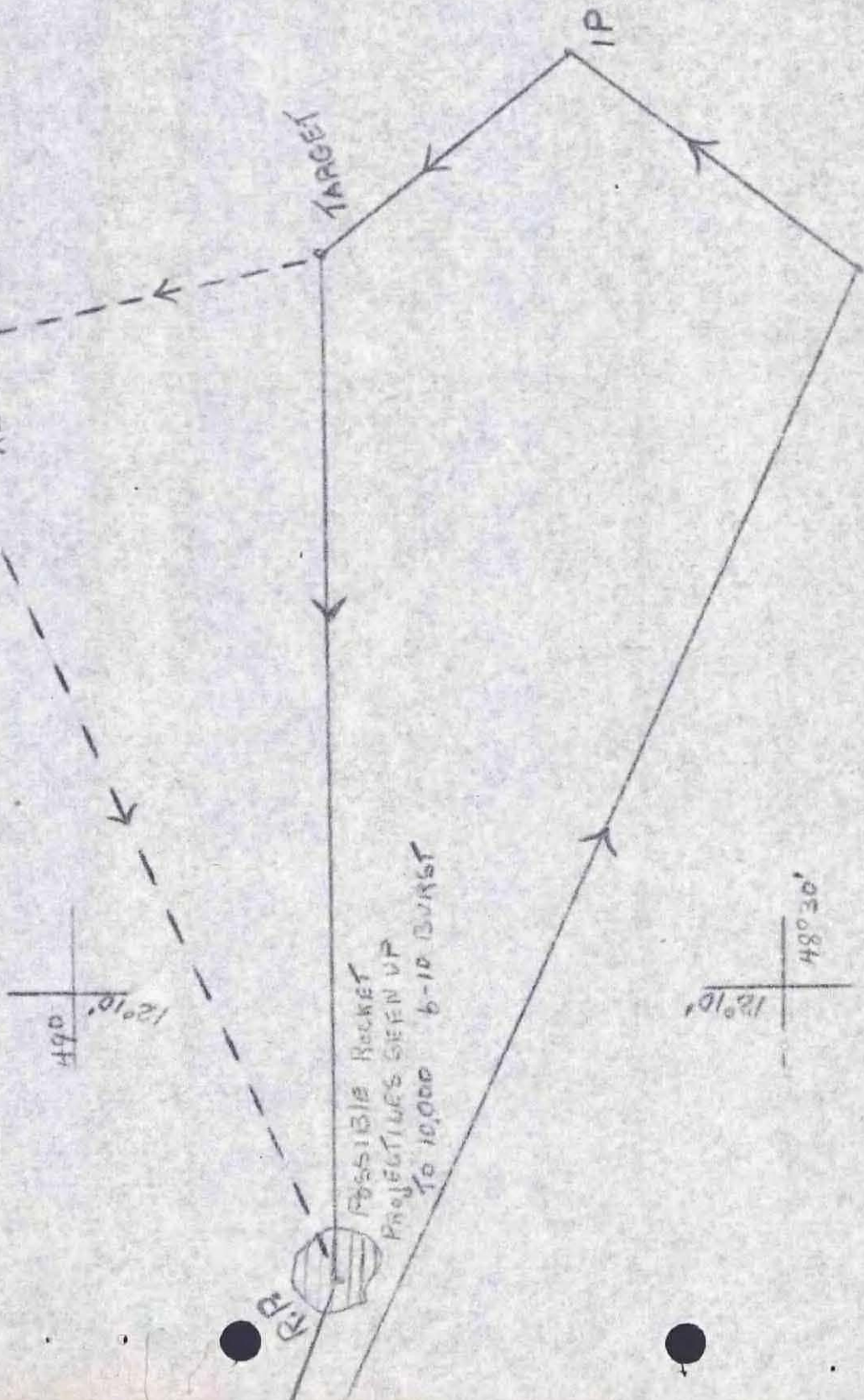
6. 313 B
Lt A Remiszewski
S/S F D'Orio

MISSION NO. 278
Box II
20 April 1945

411054 100013 (B) (L)
20 APR 1 1145 EO. 263-865
DECEASED ON STORAGE
10.1 1124-1135
ALT. 8000-11500
43 A/C ATTACHED P/T
1 A/C ATTACHED CASUAL
WEATHER CLEAR
NO BATTLE DAMAGE

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47°
10°20'

48°10'
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HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

AUTH: CO Sta
A-69
DATE: 22 April 1945
INIT: _____

21 April 1945

SUBJECT: A-26 OPREP No. 20 for 24 hours ending sunset 20 April 1945

TO : Commanding General, 9th Bombardment Division (M), AFO 140, U. S. Army. Attn: Statistical Control Officer.

Mission No. 270, 97th Combat Wing Field Order No. 263-865

1. Operational Factors:
Place of take-off Station A-69 Place of Landing Station A-69
Take-off time 0834 type mission Bombing T.O.T. 1127-1135
Targets Dependent oil storage (primary) Lincolnton 2/1 (secondary)
Landing time 1405 Oper. hours (a) 22:05 Oper. hours (b) None
Weather Clear.
2. Effort:
Dispatched 44 A-26's Sorties 44 Effective sorties 44
A/C expending bombs 44 Non-effective sorties None
A/C returning early None
3. Bombs carried into air: 176 x 1000 lb GP's Fused 1/10N 1/100 T
Expended 176 x 1000 lb GP's Fused 1/10 N 1/100 T Alt. 1000-2500
target Dependent oil storage results sup. sup. sup. sup. sup. sup. sup.
Expended 4 x 1000 lb GP's Fused 1/10 N 1/100 T Alt. 8500
target Lincolnton results
Expended : Fused N T Alt.
target results
4. Ammunition carried: 84800 x .50 calibre
Ammunition expended: None
5. None.
6. Flak encountered: None
Location amount accuracy type
7. Enemy a/c encountered: None
a. type and model of a/c
b. individual air claims
c. individual ground claims
8. Claims against miscellaneous ground targets: None
9. U. S. Aircraft casualties: None
Destroyed Missing
Damaged
10. U. S. Personnel casualties: None
No. type cause
11. Remarks:

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T-SELF

FROM: COBOMGR 416 20/1500B
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE (ATTN: SIG O)
COMCBTWIG 97 (INFO)

BT

CONFIDENTIAL 416BG P-365-J

A - YS - 105

B - 20 APRIL 1945 (0054-1316)

C - T - TARE AND A-ABLE REPORTED COMPLETION OF OPS TO PARADE.

D - T- TARE CONTACTED F.C.C. UPON ENTERING TACTICAL AREA.

E - NONE

F - NONE

G - NONE

H - NONE

I - NONE

J - NONE

K - NONE

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

BT 20/1500B

WJF AR

JEA R.....20/1549B DB AR

Box #	OpsFl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
I		30/4/45				FERRIS	TOT	
							L/D	

A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATT	Bomb	Iisp	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.										
No.	Reason	F	S	J	F	M	D	A	C	B	E	D	P	D	K	W	M
528			4														
224			4														
286			4														
416			4														
334			4														
9315			4														
640			4														
259			4														
310			4														
9352			4														
188			4														
385			3														
508			4														
321			4														
264			4														
305			4														
274			4														
229			4														

OK

IMPULSE

BOULDER

NOTES

OP

528

FERRIS

286

224

WALLACE CHILTY

416

SINGLEETARY

9315

334

BALCH

STANKOWSKI

508

LASETER

640

ANNIN

264

321

BLEVINS

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LACKNER

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PHILLIPS

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ROBERTS

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CANNON

274

325

TANK

385

NATHANSON

188

DRUM

PARKHURS

229

SHAPAR

OK
IMPULSE BOMBING
NOTE IN
OFFLASH
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TANK NATHANSON DRUM PARKHURST
229
SHAPARD
SPARE

TOTALS FOR MISSION

B.

(2) No. a/c off by type:

A-20G's

A-20J's (obtained from Opns)

(3) No. of a/c failing to bomb explain each failure.

Recall due to weather

Personnel

Mechanical

Other Reasons

(4) No. a/c bombing.

Primary.

Secondary.

Other.

(Obtained from recaps.)

C.

(1) Time up

T.O.T.

Time Down

(Obtained from Tower).

D.

(1) No. a/c

Missing

Destroyed

Damaged

Damaged

(cat. B/C)

(cat. A)

(3) No. Crew

Killed

Wounded

Missing

(Obtained from Recaps).

E. Results of Bombing. (Obtained from Group Bombardier).

	No.	Type	
I. Bombs on Primary	X		
Bombs on Secondary	X		
Bombs on Other	X		
Bombs Returned	X		
Bombs Jettisoned	X		Where
(Obtained from Recaps)			

(The NCO in charge should fill this out immediately finishing taking the recaps and hand to the Officer making up the Ops Report).

(Dunn) 4 - Salvaged on Casual Victim
 permission for F.H.A.
 (Lasiter) 1 - being up at
 P. would not
 salvo. while
 circling A-20 but
 can lose & caused
 bombing to open
 partially. Intention
 by Boardman to drop
 bomb on open field
 dropped at 5 mi
 W of Juncosmit.
 dropped safe.

Box #	OpsFl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
II		20/4/43				BREWSTER	TOT	
							L/D	
A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATT	Bomb	Iisp	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.	
Res No.	Reason	F	S	O	T	S	J	F
469			4					
609			4					
205			4					
223			4					
2315			4					
393			4					
498			4					
265			4					
297			4					
360			4					
250			4					
356			4					
492			4					
271	On Secondary		4					
338			4					
252			4					
362			4					
314			4					
354			4					

469 BREWSTER
205 MUSGROVE
609 CONANT
223 BOWER
393 2315
SHELEY BOERNER

492 TURNER
498 PAIR
338 DUBOSE
271 DUNN
297 WINN
265 GRAEGER
250 SOMMERS
360 GARY
314 HOOLEY
362 HARPER
252 PRICE

354
WILLS
SPARE

TOTALS FOR MISSION

B.

(2) No. a/c off by type: _____
 A-20G's _____ A-20J's (obtained from Opns) _____
 (7) No. of a/c failing to bomb _____ explain each failure.
 Recall due to weather _____
 Personnel _____
 Mechanical _____
 Other Reasons _____
 () No. a/c bombing. _____
 Primary. _____
 Secondary. _____
 Other. _____
 (Obtained from recaps.) _____

C.

() Time up _____
 T.O.T. _____ (Obtained from Tower).
 Time Down _____

D.

() No. a/c _____ Missing _____
 Destroyed _____
 Damaged _____ (cat. B/C)
 Damaged _____ (cat. A)
 () No. Crew _____ Killed _____ Wounded _____ Missing _____
 (Obtained from Recaps).

E. Results of Bombing. (Obtained from Group Bombardier).

	No.	Type
I. os on Primary	_____	X _____
os on Secondary	_____	X _____
os on Other	_____	X _____
os Returned	_____	X _____
os Jettisoned	_____	X _____
ained from Recaps)		Where _____

The NCO in charge should fill this out immediately finishing
 ing the recaps and hand to the Officer making up the
 Report).

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Box #	CpsFL	Date	F/C	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
III		20/4/45				TUTT	TOT	
							I/D	
A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATT	Bomb Lisp	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.		
No.	Reason	F	E	O	T	S	T	P
497			4					
2352			4					
328			4					
239			4					
209			4					
313			4					

497
TUTT
328 2352
COCKE MOONEY
239
FERO
313
REMISZEWSKI SERIES

24
75
76
173
41176
40

24

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PILOT ROBERTS A/C# 9352 BOX 1 FLT. 2

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u> ON				
<u>X</u> RETURNED		<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
<u>X</u> JETTISONED				

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS: Bombs hit mouth of Smoke of 409th
7pm and smoke of Bombs

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X

X      X      X
X      X      X
X      X      X

X (SPARE)
  
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PILOT BA)CH A/C# 9315 BOX 1 FLT. 1

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u>	ON <u>Primary</u>			
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

	X		
X		X	
	X		
(X)		X	
X		X	
X		X	
X		X	

X (SPARE)

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PILOT SINGLETON A/C# 416 BOX 1 FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u> ON				
<u>X</u> RETURNED		<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
<u>X</u> JETTISONED			<u>nil</u>	

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS: White rocket markers - upward at RP - looked like phosphorus smoke
Pattern - edge of river & on bldgs & across R R tracks.

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X	
	X		X
	(X)		
	X		X
X			
X		X	
X		X	
X		X	

X (SPARE)

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PILOT WALLACE A/C# 286 BOX 1 FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u> ON	:	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u> RETURNED	:	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
	<u>X</u> JETTISONED	:	<u>nil</u>		

FLAK : 4 Rockets at RP NH1

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : Reported not seen
Chel

OBSERVATIONS: Bombs on target - some in river

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X		
	(X)	X		
		X		
	X	X		
X	X		X	X
X			X	
X			X	X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT CARVER A/C# 321 BOX 1 FLT. 3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u> X <u>LOW</u> ON	:	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u> RETURNED	:	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
	<u>X</u> JETTISONED	:	<u>nil</u>		

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X		
	X		X	
		X		
	X		X	
X	X			X
			X	X
X	X		X	X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT STANKOWSKI A/C# 334 BOX 1 FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u> ON <u>P.</u>	:	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u> RETURNED	:	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
	<u>X</u> JETTISONED	:	<u>Nil</u>		

FLAK : white smoke stream

Is at of RP 9 down

was abt 15 dead

bursts of flak on to target none near

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : P47's

OBSERVATIONS:

Good results
Impulse bomb
Made two runs

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X		
	X		X	
		X		
	X		(X)	
X	X			X
X				X
X	X			X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT PHILLIPS A/C# 259 BOX 1 FLT. 2

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS :	<u>4</u> X <u>lost</u> ON <u>Primary</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u> RETURNED	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
	<u>X</u> JETTISONED			

FLAK : saw phosphorus flak - in anti-aircraft

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil - lots of unidentifiable
on deck at R.P.

OBSERVATIONS: Light covered - Huge smoke + flame

POSITION IN FORMATION

		<u>X</u>	
	X		X
		X	
	X		X
X	X		X
X		X	(X)
X	X	X	
		X	X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT BLEVINS A/C# 264 BOX 1 FLT. 3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u> ON <u>Salvaged</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	X RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"	
	X JETTISONED	Nil			

FLAK :

Nil

in route home - 15 - 20 spots
hunts near Bl.

12 hunt 1000 yards off tonight
Near RP - where white flares were seen

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Nil.

OBSERVATIONS:

9p ahead started fire.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

X (SPARE)

X
X X
X
X X

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PILOT DRUM A/C# 385 BOX 1 FLT. 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u>		<u>P</u>	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X		RETURNED	<u>hie</u>		
X		JETTISONED			

FLAK : hie

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : Replied - not seen

OBSERVATIONS: Smoke & flame in tgt. area

POSITION IN FORMATION :

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      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X
  
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    X
  X  X
    X
  X  X
  
```

X (SPARE)

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      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X
  
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PILOT NATHANSON A/C# 325 BOX 1 FLT. 3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u> X <u>cor</u>	ON	:	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED	:	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	:	<u>here</u>		

FLAK :

hid

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

me

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X		
	X		X	
		X		
	X		X	
X	X			X
X			X	X
X	X		X	X
X	(X)			

X (SPARE)

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PILOT SHAPARD A/C# 229 BOX 1 FLT. _____

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u> ON <u>PT</u>	:	:	BATTLE DAMAGE	:	:	:
	<u>X</u> RETURNED	:	<u>"A"</u>	:	<u>"A-C"</u>	:	<u>"E"</u>
	<u>X</u> JETTISONED	:	:	:	:	:	:

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

Bombs started in River and walked on to bank.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

(X) X X
X X
X X

X
X X
X X
X X

(X) (SPARE)

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PILOT CANNON A/C# 305 BOX 1 FLT. 3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u>	X	<u>DOWN</u>	:	BATTLE DAMAGE		
		X	RETURNED	:	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
		X	JETTISONED	:			

3d run

mal

FLAK : *On 3d run - just after bombs away 30 white puffs. Seemed like light flak from sound & puffs. X L1 target*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

mal

OBSERVATIONS:

2 Convoy - 15-20 trucks at 1P - 1st run.

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X		
	X		X	
		X		
	X		X	
X		X		X
X	(X)			X
X		X		X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT LACKNER A/C# 310 BOX 1 FLT. 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>4</u> <u>X</u> <u>1000</u> ON		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u> RETURNED		<u>nil</u>		
<u>X</u> JETTISONED				

FLAK :

nil

RP - 30 bursts. X L1
also rockets or markers to RP

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nilOBSERVATIONS:

6 to 10 objects appearing to be
rocket seen ~~coming~~ coming
up to about 1000 feet to the rear
of the formation at the RP. WU 023⁰₃₀

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X	
	X		X
		X	
	X		X
X	X		
X		X	X
X	X	X	X
		X	X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT CHITTY A/C# 224 BOX 1 FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>f</u> X <u>1000</u> ON	:	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u> RETURNED	:	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u> JETTISONED	:	<u>nil</u>		

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

2 bombs in river - west on PT.

ABENSBURG - 20-25^{tank} cars on RR
and a freight train. Pilot called P47s.

KIEPENBERG - active with rolling stock.
3 barge on river just E of PT.

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X		
	X	(X)		
		X		
	X	X		
X	X		X	X
			X	X
X	X		X	X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT LASETER A/C# 508 BOX 1 FLT. 3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>3</u>	<u>X 1000 ON PT</u>			
<u>X</u>	RETURNED			
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	<u>nil</u>		

FLAK : 4 white rockets
XXH1

} near RP
from Regensburg

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

1 hung up. & would not salvo. Dropped
safe in field per instructions of tower
at 03° 44 E 49° 26 N
about 8 miles west of (Lewenhorst)
(02202)

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X	
	X		X
		X	
	X		X
X (X)			
X		X	X
	X		
X		X	X
	X (SPARE)		

TOT 1135 1/2 (3 runs)
Axis 105°
Alt. 9300
IAS 210

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CASUALTIES

X RETURNED : "A" : "A-C" : "E" :

1 bullet X JETTISONED : : hit : :

FLAK : 30 bursts ~~not~~ at us -
10 miles from RP - (NE) REGENSBURG

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

Superior

Markers at RP - Rockets up.
Tight pattern at PT.

Called Baby, Parade, & Poker
at PR.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X X

X X

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & X & \\ X & & X \\ & X & \\ X & & X \end{array}$$

X
X X
X
X X

X (SPARE)

lost of Manheim
On Course on time

TOT 1129 (1000)
alt 05

alt 9500

Art is 1950

1 AS 205

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PILOT MUSGROVE A/C# 205 BOX 2 FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u> X <u>LOO</u> ON <u>P</u>	:	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u> RETURNED	:	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
	<u>X</u> JETTISONED	:	<u>nil</u>		

FLAK :

nil

Rockets at RP(10)
slightly higher than
formation

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

Fires along BL - smoke
& smaller
fires throughout
area

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X		
	(X)	X		
		X		
	X	X		
X			X	
X			X	X
X			X	X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT HARPER A/C# 362 BOX 2 FLT. 3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u> <u>X</u> <u>1000</u> ON <u>P.</u>	:	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u> RETURNED	:	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
	<u>X</u> JETTISONED	:	<u>his</u>		

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : one mid-air

OBSERVATIONS:

Leader of this flight took from out
so one could bomb - abt 20
units of flak - all below & inaccurate

bombs of the single A/c. did bomb.
Got pt.

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X		
	X		X	
		X		
	X		X	
X	X			X
X		X	X	
X	(X)		X	X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT CONANT A/C# 609 BOX 2 FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u> <u>X</u> <u>1000</u> ON <u>P</u>	:	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u> RETURNED	:	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
	<u>X</u> JETTISONED	:	<u>me</u>		

FLAK :

me

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Called in area - none -

475 reported once as bandits

OBSERVATIONS:

me run

TOT - 1129
alt - 9000
- 250
210

Worst results
flame & smoke.

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X	
	X	(X)	
	X		
	X	X	
X	X		X
X			X
X	X		X

X (SPARE)

Couldnt have
made briefed
heading because
of smoke from
previous
run

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PILOT GARY A/C# 360 BOX 2 FLT. 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u> ON				
<u>X</u>	RETURNED			
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	<u>Nil</u>		

FLAK : Rockets

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Repts not seen

OBSERVATIONS:

Oil storage at 1104
big sheet of smoke - had
reached our level by time
we reached target x

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X	
	X		X
		X	
	X		X
X	X		
		X	
X		X	X
		(X)	
		X	X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT WINN A/C# 297 BOX 2 FLT. 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u>	<u>X/1000</u>	ON	<u>PT</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	<u>X</u>		RETURNED		<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>	
	<u>X</u>		JETTISONED					

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS: *Impulse did not work —
time lapse of 5 counts between bombs
away of ~~lead~~ ^{ft} leader and manual release
Bombs hit in river to west of target.*

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X		
	X		X	
		X		
	X		X	
X	X			X
				X
X	X			X
				X

X (SPARE)

Perk

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PILOT DUNN A/C# 271 BOX 2 FLT. 3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
4	X 1000 ON <u>Casual</u>			
1	X RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X JETTISONED			

FLAK :

XXHA - Vietach - while ~~we were~~
this flight alone for
purpose of ~~dropping~~ ^{salvaging} the 4.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

OBSERVATIONS: Hung up on drum.
Called Do Thme for permission
to salvo - VIETACH. Hit
edge of town -

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

X (SPARE)

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PILOT BOWER A/C# 223 BOX 2 FLT. 1

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS :	<u>4</u> X/OSS	ON <u>primary</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS: 200 lbs - wooded area - appeared to contain
barracks

2gt - previous gust had caused flames to 2000 ft at

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
    X  X
    (X)
    X  X
  
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X (SPARE)

X X
X X
X X

X X
X X
X X

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PILOT BREWSTER A/C# 469 BOX 2 FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u> ON <u>Pit</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	<u>X</u> RETURNED	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>	
	<u>X</u> JETTISONED				

FLAK : XHI Reigonsberg.

4 Bombs E of R.P

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X

OBSERVATIONS:

- Bombs hit M.P.I -

TOX 1129

Alt. 8900 2100

Convoys leaving Fechtwangen - N
going both way -

POSITION IN FORMATION

		(X)		
	X		X	
		X		
	X		X	
X				X
X	X		X	X
	X		X	
X			X	X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT PAIR A/C# 498 BOX 2 FLT. 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u> ON <u>R</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u> RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u> JETTISONED	<u>hit</u>		

FLAK :

hit

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

hit

OBSERVATIONS:

8-10 streamers white
given N of RP.

TOT - 1126 1/2
Alt - 8000
- 300°
210

Slightly short.

2 dropped over.
1 in River
1 in Fields

m/y

GUNZENHAUSEN

100 cars.

TREUCHTLINGEN
full of cars.

PLEINFELD

all but 2 gone.

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X	
	X		X
		X	
	X		X
X	X		
		(X)	
X		X	X
		X	
X		X	X
	X (SPARE)		

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PILOT SOMMERS A/C# 252 BOX 2 FLT. 3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u> X <u>LOW</u> ON <u>P</u>	:	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u> RETURNED	:	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
	<u>X</u> JETTISONED	:	<u>hio</u>		

FLAK : 15-20 burst accurate. could be heard.
 b-8 white plus flak at pt the wayman by
 and at RA very low level

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

hio.

OBSERVATIONS:

M/y at the pt when he bombed.

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X		
	X		X	
		X		
	X		X	
X	X			X
	<u>X</u>			
X			X	X
			X	
			X	X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT DU BOSE A/G# 338 BOX 2 FLT. 3

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS :	<u>4</u> X / <u>0</u> ON <u>Primary</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u> RETURNED	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
	<u>X</u> JETTISONED			

FLAK : 18 bursts - 3 gun batt - at Sec. 2g on
Route out -

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS: nil -

POSITION IN FORMATION

	<u>#</u>		
	X		
X		X	
	X		
X		X	
(X) X		X	
X X		X X	
X X		X X	
X (SPARE)			

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PILOT SHELEY A/C# 393 BOX 2 FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>4</u> X <u>100</u> <u>Salvaged</u>		<u>nil</u>		

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Nil

OBSERVATIONS: Intervalometer accidentally yanked.
So salvaged 10 seconds later -
about 3 miles SW of target

POSITION IN FORMATION

	X	
X	X	X
	X	
(X)	X	X
X		X
X		X
X		X
X		X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT BOERNER A/C# 2315 BOX 2 FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u>	X <u>1000</u>	ON <u>P.T</u>	:	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	<u>X</u>		RETURNED	:	<u>"A"</u>	:	<u>"A-C"</u>	:
	<u>X</u>		JETTISONED	:		:		:

FLAK : X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X

OBSERVATIONS: Bombs hit in smoke

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X		
	X		X	
		X		
	X		(X)	
X	X			X
X				X
X	X			X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT GRAEBER A/C# 265 BOX 2 FLT. 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE			
<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u>	ON <u>P.T</u>				
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>	
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED				

FLAK : X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X

OBSERVATIONS: - Bombs hit by river started fire, few on other side of river

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X	
	X		X
		X	
	X		X
X	X		
		X	X
X		X	(X)
	X		X
X	X	X	X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Hoosley A/C# 314 BOX 2 FLT. 3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u>	X <u>1000</u>	ON <u>P.T</u>	:	BATTLE DAMAGE			
		X	RETURNED	:	"A"	:	"A-C"	:
		X	JETTISONED	:	X	:		:

FLAK : XXHA- at place where A- bombed
IFF antenna knocked off

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X

OBSERVATIONS: - Gunner fired at 2, P-47s who
made pass at rear of flight
Did not hit them

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X		
	X		X	
		X		
	X		X	
X				X
X	X		X	X
(X)	X		X	X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT SIMPSON A/C# 356 BOX 2 FLT. 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE			
<u>4</u>	X <u>1000</u> ON <u>PT</u>				
	X RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"	
	X JETTISONED				

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

Bomb hit on east edge of target area. Target covered with smoke

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X	
	X		X
		X	
	X		X
X	X		
		X	
X		X	X
		(X)	X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Wills A/C# 354 BOX 2 FLT. 2

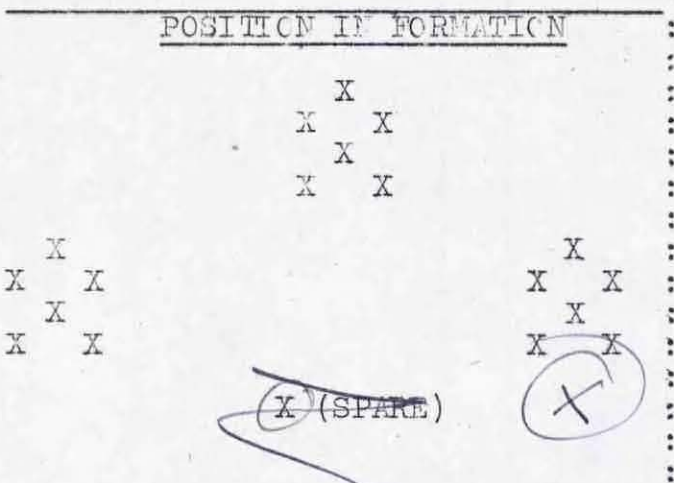
CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>X</u>	<u>1000</u>		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>		RETURNED	<u>nil</u>		
<u>X</u>		JETTISONED			

FLAK : nil white phosphorous RP

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS: Bombs on target



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PILOT FERO A/C# 239 BOX 3 FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE			
<u>4</u>	<u>X 1000</u> ON <u>PT</u>				
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>	
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED				

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

*Saw train at 11 o'clock pulling out of town
(20 cars) heading south 20 min. before
target on course.
Bombs fell into smoke over target -*

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

      X
     X X
    (X)
     X X

X  X
X  X
X  X

      X
     X X
     X X
     X X

X (SPARE)
    
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PILOT MOONEY A/C# 2352 BOX 3 FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE			
<u>4</u> X <u>1600</u> ON <u>DT</u>					
<u>X</u> RETURNED		<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>	
<u>X</u> JETTISONED					

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

Target covered with smoke

POSITION IN FORMATION

	X		
X	X	(X)	
	X		
X	X		
X		X	
X		X	X
		X	
X		X	X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT REMISZEWSKI A/C# 313 BOX 3 FLT. 1

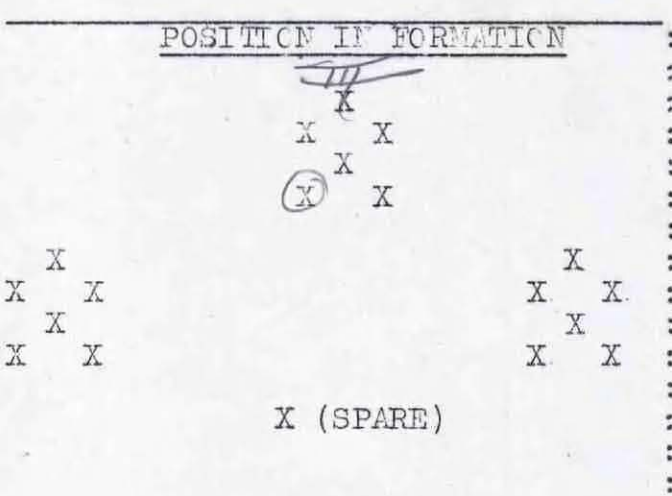
CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE			
<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u> ON <u>Remisze</u>					
X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"	
X	JETTISONED				

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : Saw four 5/6 4/5 shot down
believed to be 4/5

OBSERVATIONS: m/y - 10 minutes from bomb line - P-47's seen
firing -
Bombs hit over smoking positions of 4/5



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PILOT TUTT A/C# 497 BOX 3 FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u> ON <u>P.T.</u>	:	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u> RETURNED	:	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
	<u>X</u> JETTISONED	:	:	:	:

FLAK :

X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X

OBSERVATIONS:

Bombs went into smoke May
be a little short of M.P.T.

TOT 1124

Alt. 8,250 ft 210° -

One run

POSITION IN FORMATION

		(X)		
	X		X	
		X		
	X		X	
X	X		X	
X			X	X
X	X		X	X

X (SPARE)

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